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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: God, ever mindful of those who place their trust in You, You bless our comings and our goings, for You are "God with us" and guide every step of the way.

Today we ask Your blessing upon Lorraine Miller and Dan Beard as they enter this Chamber to be sworn in as Officers of the House of Representatives. May they faithfully fulfill the duties that are about to be laid upon them and serve this noble institution and its Members with diligence, prudence and right judgment. May they be welcomed with sincerity and gratitude.

Today, Lord, we also pray for the Honorable Charlie Norwood, who will be carried from Your Church here on Earth and laid to rest. May the modest smile on his face come to full expression as he hears You say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, enter the joy of your Master."

Grant his family and friends the consolation that comes from faith. May he and all those who serve and love others and work in public service through Your mercy rest in peace.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### SWEARING OF CLERK OF THE HOUSE AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now swear in the new officers of the House, Lorraine C. Miller as the Clerk of the House, and Daniel P. Beard as the Chief Administrative Officer.

The officers presented themselves in the well of the House and took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

### INFORMING THE SENATE OF THE ELECTION OF THE CLERK

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 165) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 165

*Resolved*, That the Senate be informed that Lorraine C. Miller, a citizen of the State of Texas, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTION OF THE CLERK

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 166) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows

H. RES. 166

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Lorraine C. Miller, a citizen of the State of Texas, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The Clerk read as follows:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 15, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Ms. Marjorie C. Kelaher, Deputy Clerk, and Mr. Jorge E. Sorensen, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 110th Congress or until modified by me.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
Clerk of the House.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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